

## Video: Turkish-backed Militants Against Everybody Including Themselves in Northern Syria

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*In Greater Idlib, Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) lost quite a bit of equipment, when a weapon depot in the village of Ma'arat Shalef exploded.*

*The reason behind the explosion is unknown, but it was completely destroyed on July 26.*

According to unconfirmed reports, earlier in the same day, clashes took place between unknown gunmen and members of HTS at the al-Ram checkpoint near the town of Maarrat Sarin.

The clashes reportedly followed an attack by the gunmen, who were later forced to escape.

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Meanwhile, the Russian Aerospace Forces (VKS) continued to pound ground positions and facilities of the so-called “moderate opposition” in Greater Idlib, in response to ceasefire violations.

VKS warplanes struck an underground terrorist facility in the area near the villages of Kansafra and al-Bara in the southern part of Idlib province.

The Syrian Arab Army also bombarded the town of Sfuhun in the same area with heavy artillery.

Meanwhile, in the northeast, the exchange between the Turkish Armed Forces and the militants it backs against the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) shows no promise of ending.

The SDF announced the killing of one of their fighters by Turkish artillery, shelling one of their positions in the northern countryside of Aleppo.

Syrian media reported that Turkish shelling resulted in the injury of several civilians.

Ankara's forces struck the villages of al-Hoshariya and al-Arimah, north of al-Bab city and the villages of Sheikh Issa and Ahras which are affiliated with the Tel Refaat township in Aleppo.

In response, the SDF bombarded the western outskirts of the city of Azaz in the northern countryside of Aleppo.

No casualties were reported.

Turkey, however, didn't simply take it without a response and shelled SDF positions in Maraanaz, also in Aleppo.

This shelling is a daily occurrence, as Turkish-backed forces shelled SDF positions near the Minnagh Airbase, Mara-anaz and the Ain Deqna areas on July 25th, as well.

The SDF usually respond by targeting the Turkish-occupied city of Afrin, but also often strike other positions of Ankara's and pro-Ankara forces in other areas.

Finally, in addition to fighting against the SDF and other Kurdish groups, the factions backed by Turkey are also frequently fighting amongst themselves.

On July 25th, infighting with light and medium weapons erupted within the Turkey-backed "Jaish al-Sharqiya" in the city of Ras al-Ayn.

5 militants were injured in the clashes.

Such infighting is quite common and has claimed the lives of dozens of militants.

Civilian casualties have also been reported, as well as damage to private property.

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